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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a health care
2 information technology and infrastructure advisory committee,
3 and making an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.154 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND
1 2 INTENT.
1 3 The general assembly recognizes research indicating that
1 4 the application of information technology such as electronic
1 5 medical records, computer-based physician order entry, and
1 6 electronic data interchange has significant potential for
1 7 improving health care quality and safety and obtaining
1 8 efficiencies in the health care delivery system. The general
1 9 assembly also recognizes that these efficiencies can be
1 10 significantly improved if there are statewide standards to
1 11 enable the sharing of information among health care payers,
1 12 providers, consumers, and governmental entities. The state
1 13 has an interest in designing and implementing a statewide
1 14 interoperable health care information infrastructure that
1 15 includes standards for administrative data exchange, clinical
1 16 support programs, quality performance measures, and the
1 17 maintenance of the security and confidentiality of individual
1 18 patient data. It is the intent of the general assembly to
1 19 promote the implementation and development of this
1 20 infrastructure by establishing a health care information
1 21 technology and infrastructure advisory committee to assist in
1 22 the development of a health care information technology
1 23 strategic plan.
1 24 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 135.155 HEALTH CARE INFORMATION
1 25 TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE == DUTIES.
1 26 1. a. The department shall establish a health care
1 27 information technology and infrastructure advisory committee.
1 28 Members shall be appointed by the director of public health
1 29 and shall include representatives of the department of human
1 30 services, licensed hospitals and other licensed health care
1 31 facilities or providers, licensed health care professionals,
1 32 institutions of higher education in the state, health insurers
1 33 and health maintenance organizations, and other parties with
1 34 an interest and expertise in health care information
1 35 technology. Members shall serve staggered terms of two years.
2 1 Appointments of members of the committee shall comply with
2 2 sections 69.16 and 69.16A. Vacancies shall be filled by the
2 3 original appointing authority and in the manner of the
2 4 original appointment. Members shall receive actual expenses
2 5 incurred while serving in their official capacity and may also
2 6 be eligible to receive compensation as provided in section
2 7 7E.6. The committee shall annually select a chairperson from
2 8 its membership. A majority of the members of the committee
2 9 shall constitute a quorum.
2 10 2. The advisory committee shall assist the department in
2 11 all of the following activities:
2 12 a. Development of a health care information technology
2 13 strategic plan. The strategic plan shall include an inventory
2 14 and assessment of existing health care information technology
2 15 infrastructure and systems and shall identify the required
2 16 steps to develop a statewide interoperable health care
2 17 information infrastructure within a ten-year time frame. The
2 18 steps identified shall include estimates of necessary
2 19 financial resources for development of the infrastructure and

2 20 for determining standards for development of administrative
2 21 data exchange, clinical support systems, data warehousing,
2 22 smart cards, personal medical records, and the maintenance of
2 23 the security and confidentiality of individual patient data.
2 24 The plan shall be submitted by the director to the governor
2 25 and the general assembly by January 1, 2009.

2 26 b. Plan implementation, including the promulgation of
2 27 rules regarding application of the standards identified in
2 28 paragraph "a" to hospitals, nursing homes, and other licensed
2 29 health care facilities and education organizations and
2 30 identification of potential sources of financial assistance to
2 31 such entities and organizations relating to that application.

2 32 c. Preparation of an annual report, to be submitted by the
2 33 director to the governor and the general assembly by January
2 34 1, providing a status report regarding plan development and
2 35 implementation. The report shall detail progress made during
3 1 the previous year, itemize expenditures of any appropriated
3 2 funds, and make a recommendation regarding the amount of
3 3 funding necessary to fully implement the plan and establish
3 4 the infrastructure.

3 5 Sec. 3. HEALTH CARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND
3 6 INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE == APPROPRIATION. There is
3 7 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the Iowa
3 8 department of public health for the fiscal year beginning July
3 9 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008, the following amount, or so
3 10 much thereof as may be necessary, to be utilized for the
3 11 purpose designated in this section:

3 12 \$ 300,000

3 13 Amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
3 14 utilized by and in support of the health care information
3 15 technology and infrastructure advisory committee established
3 16 in section 135.155 in the development of a health care
3 17 information technology strategic plan. Notwithstanding
3 18 section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this section that remain
3 19 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year
3 20 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure
3 21 for the purpose designated until the close of the succeeding
3 22 fiscal year.

3 23 EXPLANATION

3 24 This bill provides for the establishment of a health care
3 25 information technology and infrastructure advisory committee.
3 26 The committee shall provide assistance to the Iowa department
3 27 of public health in developing a health care information
3 28 technology strategic plan relating to the establishment of a
3 29 statewide interoperable health care information infrastructure
3 30 within a 10-year period.

3 31 The bill provides that members of the advisory committee
3 32 shall be appointed by the director and shall include
3 33 representatives of the department of human services, licensed
3 34 hospitals and other licensed health care facilities or
3 35 providers, licensed health care professionals, institutions of
4 1 higher education in the state, health insurers and health
4 2 maintenance organizations, and other parties with an interest
4 3 and expertise in health care information technology. The bill
4 4 specifies provisions relating to membership appointment,
4 5 terms, and compensation.

4 6 The bill provides that the advisory committee shall assist
4 7 the department in developing a health care information
4 8 technology strategic plan that includes an inventory and
4 9 assessment of existing health care information technology
4 10 infrastructure and systems and identifies the required steps
4 11 to develop a statewide interoperable health care information
4 12 infrastructure within a 10-year time frame. The bill provides
4 13 that the plan shall be submitted by the director to the
4 14 governor and the general assembly by January 1, 2009. The
4 15 bill provides that the committee shall additionally assist
4 16 with plan implementation, including the promulgation of rules
4 17 regarding application of the identified standards to
4 18 hospitals, nursing homes, and other licensed health care
4 19 facilities and education organizations and identification of
4 20 potential sources of financial assistance to such entities and
4 21 organizations relating to that application. The bill provides
4 22 that the committee shall also assist in the preparation of an
4 23 annual report, to be submitted by the director to the governor
4 24 and the general assembly by January 1, providing a status
4 25 report regarding plan development and implementation.

4 26 The bill provides for an appropriation from the general
4 27 fund of the state to the department of public health for the
4 28 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
4 29 of \$300,000 for utilization by and in support of the
4 30 committee, and provides for nonreversion of the funds.

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